

The Fall of Jericho

Joshua 6, 11:23



The Story

The city of Jericho had a very thick wall all around it. Now the people of Jericho were very afraid because the Children of Israel were close to the city, and they closed the gates of the wall. The people of Jericho were hiding inside the city walls.

The Lord told Joshua, "I have given Jericho to you. Here is what you shall do. All the fighting men should march around the whole city once a day for six days. Seven priests with trumpets made of ram's horns should march in front of the ark. On the seventh day you should walk around the city seven times, and the priests should blow the trumpets. When they blow a long blast on the trumpets, all the people shall shout, and the wall of the city will fall down flat."

So Joshua told the people what to do. On the first day, armed men started to walk around the city. Then came the seven priests blowing on the seven trumpets made of ram's horns, followed by the ark. Then more men came after the ark. No one talked at all while they walked around the city, but the trumpets blew the whole time. When they had all walked around the entire city one time, they went back to their camp for the evening.

The second day was just like the first. Days three, four, five, and

six were also the same. But on the seventh day they got up very early, about the time the sun was rising, and they marched around the city. They marched without talking, just as they had on the other days. The priests blew the trumpets as they had on the other days. But when they had marched around the city seven times, the priests blew a long sound on the trumpets, and Joshua told the people, "Shout, for the LORD has given you the city! Go in and destroy everything that is there, and all of the people. Only save Rahab and her family. Also save the silver and gold, and the things made of bronze and iron because they belong to the LORD."

So the people shouted when the priests blew the long note on the trumpet, and the wall of the city fell down flat. The people went into the city and destroyed everything in it. The only people who were saved were Rahab and her family. They saved the silver, gold, bronze, and iron, and then they burned the whole city.

So the LORD was with Joshua, and his fame spread throughout all the country.

God destroyed the wicked city of Jericho by the hand of Joshua and the children of Israel.

Activity One – Color the picture on page 1 using the following directions.

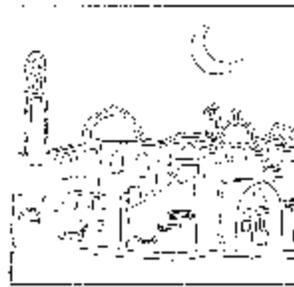
1. Color the priests red.
2. Color the ark yellow. (It is very small.)
3. Color the trumpets made of ram's horns blue.
4. Color the picture showing what happened when God helped the Children of Israel.

Activity Two – Get the Children of Israel from Egypt to Jericho. Color the picture

Help the Children of Israel get to Jericho.



**Draw between the pictures.
Start here.**



Finish here.



The teacher can explain that the children of Israel started in Egypt. Then they wandered in the desert for 40 years. When they crossed the Jordan River, they had entered the Promised Land, the land flowing with milk and honey. The first city they encountered was Jericho. These things are all pictured on the worksheet.

Activity Three – Sing this song to the tune of “Row, Row, Row Your Boat” and ask the children to help make up appropriate actions.

Walk, walk, walk around
The city once a day
Then walk around it seven times
And make the trumpets play.

Shout, shout, shout aloud
The city walls will fall.
Then take the city--destroy it
As on the Lord you call.

Passages

Hebrews 11:30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they were encircled for seven days.

Psalms 27:1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Hymn - Read and sing TLH #528 v. 1.

If God Himself be for me, I may a host defy;
For when I pray, before me my foes, confounded, fly.
If Christ, my Head and Master, befriend me from above,
What foe or what disaster can drive me from His love?

Prayer

Lord, we know that You want all people to believe in You. Please be with us so that we never lose our faith, and we also pray that You will lead the unbelievers to faith, too. We pray in Jesus' name.
Amen.